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Town Officers.

MODERATOR.

I. G. REYNOLDS.

CLERK.

O. W. LANE.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

J. R. LITTLEFIELD, W. E. BARKER
B. F. WENTWORTH

TREASURER.

A. R. PILLEY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. E. KILGORE. N. R. COOK. W. O. ESTES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

E. C. HOLBROOK.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

L. C. CILLEY.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

C. E. BOWEN. C. H. DICKEY.
HENRY REYNOLDS

TRUSTEES OF THE SINKING FUND.

E. A. CARPENTER. A. E. KILGORE.
J. C. ROSE.

Report of the Selectmen

To the Citizens of Brooks:

The following is our report of the financial affairs of the town for the fiscal year ending February 15th. 1905.

VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN APRIL 1st. 1904.

Real and Personal Estates.	\$248,060
Number of Polls	205
Poll Tax	\$ 3 00
Rate of Tax0186

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1904.

For State Tax,	\$ 702 00
For County Tax,	264 72
For Support of Schools,	535 20
For Support of the Poor,	500 00
For Roads and Bridges,	900 00
For Repair of School Houses,	50 00
For Contingent Expenses,	300 00
For Interest,	750 00
For Material for Roads and Bridges,	100 00
For Text Books,	100 00
For Free High School,	125 00
For Memorial Day,	30 00
For Snow Rollers,	300 00
For State Road,	200 00
For Collection of Taxes,	115 00
For Overlayings,	197 78
For Supplementary Tax,	59 76
Total Commitment,	\$ 5,229 46

State Road.

Money expended by Road Commissioner C. E. Bowen
on State Road and Bridge for same.

Paid Webber R. Stimpson,	\$ 99 05
Will Swift,	22 05
Adelbert Bowen,	15 00
L. C. Cilley,	8 54
L. W. Cook,	42 14
Lawrence Cook,	4 50
John Dickey,	3 00
Horace Gerald,	5 92
Horace Gerald, material for bridge,	3 05
Charles Hobbs,	10 05
C. E. Bowen,	25 50
C. H. Roberts,	3 00
Total amount expended,	<u>\$ 241 80</u>
Appropriation,	200 00
Overdrawn,	<u>\$ 41 80</u>

Bridges and Side Walks

Money expended by Road Commissioner C. E. Bowen
for labor and materials.

Paid George Miller,	\$ 5 00
Fred Moulton,	3 00
Joseph Lang,	1 50
Frank Stimpson,	3 00
John Dickey,	6 00
Melvin Roberts,	7 35
Ansel Pettengill,	10 69
Adelbert Ames,	3 37
S. M. Elwell, material,	4 40
Adelbert Bowen,	15 00
W. O. Estes,	6 00

A. E. Chase, plank, nails, powder and fuse, .	49 14
A. E. Chase,	3 00
James McTaggart,	1 50
C. H. Roberts,	26 50
Morse & Co., plank and freight,	53 84
Total amount expended,	\$ 199 11
Appropriation,	100 00
Overdrawn,	\$ 99 11

Roads and Bridges.

Money expended by C. E. Bowen Road Commissioner

Paid John Cilley,	\$ 9 44
Charles Dickey,	3 00
J.C. Rose,	2 00
Fred Moulton,	7 50
Joseph Lang,	1 50
W. R. Stimpson,	4 95
Frank Stimpson,	6 25
John Dickey,	18 00
Noyes Cilley,	12 00
H. W. Littlefield,	9 00
W. O. Estes,	5 75
J. B. McTaggart,	1 00
Frank Fogg,	11 60
L. C. Cilley,	12 89
Lawrence Cook,	3 75
Adelbert Bowen,	19 82
Albion Reynolds,	1 20
Hiram Pattee,	8 10
Hale Hall,	3 50
A. B. Huff,	1 20
H. L. Reynolds,	1 25
W. A. Page,	3 00
Carl Jenkins,	83

Scott Godding,	3 60
Frank Gibbs,	32 45
William Work,	2 70
J. N. Ginn,	1 76
H. L. Elwell,	1 50
James Grover,	16 20
George Miller,	34 00
Melvin Roberts,	19 56
Total amount expended,	<u>\$259 24</u>

Money expended by C. H. Dickey Road Commissioner on the highway.

Paid Leslie Smith,	\$ 060
Joseph Decrow,	2 50
M. J. Dow,	6 00
S. F. Ryan,	3 00
Edmund Young,	2 25
Harry Johnson,	2 25
C. H. Roberts,	6 00
C. L. Austin,	3 00
C. E. Bowen,	1 50
Guy Prime,	1 50
Mrs. J. G. Gibbs,	1 50
H. C. Stover,	1 20
C. H. Dickey,	68 28
C. H. Dickey, watering tub,	3 00
M. J. Dow, " "	1 50
R. W. Wiggin,	8 55
E. R. Knowlton,	6 75
James Grover,	7 50
Simeon Lamphire,	2 85
D. R. McAndless,	3 52
Herbert Cram,	18 53
C. T. Scribner,	6 90
Abbie A. Roberts,	5 80

Samuel Reynolds,	35 50
J. E. Knowlton,	19 58
Riley Prime,	60 38
E. O. Stantial,	30 89
F. H. Quimby,	3 00
R. E. Webber,	24 60
William Gould,	28 90
M. M. Leonard,	13 27
J. C. Forbes,	3 75
Henry Sparrow,	15
John Gibbs,	17 25
Irving Gibbs,	6 83
Ernest Gibbs,	2 25
Charles Gibbs,	15 75
Frank Gibbs,	3 00
Edwin Godding,	3 45
Total amount expended,	<u>\$ 433 03</u>

Money expended by Henry Reynolds Road Commissioner
on the highway.

Paid Lorenzo Jones,	\$ 25 20
Arthur O. Payson,	28 90
C. L. Austin,	25 05
J. A. Bowden,	32 90
R. A. Jones,	9 15
Wm. O. Jones,	3 15
Albion Reynolds,	7 13
S. M. Elwell,	11 30
S. A. Payson,	11 10
E. E. Patch,	7 80
H. L. Elwell,	15 75
J. R. Bailey,	12 00
J. R. Littlefield,	13 65

H. W. Littlefield,	7 0 1
E. F. Littlefield,	7 85
B. F. Wentworth,	4 50
Henry Reynolds,	39 20
Henry Reynolds, services as Road Commissioner	32 20
C. E. Stephenson,	1 20
Freeman Ellis,	6 30
James Grover,	6 10
C. D. Davis,	4 50
W. N. Crosby,	11 55
Joseph Ellis,	10 20
Henry Stephenson,	2 25
Leroy Bucklin,	75
O. S. Elwell,	50
Total amount expended,	<u>\$337 18</u>
Whole amount expended on the highways,	\$925 37
Amount appropriated,	<u>900 00</u>
Overdrawn,	\$25 37

Support of the Poor.

Paid Maine Insane Hospital for the support of John W. Austin and Sylvester W. Reynolds, \$286 63

Fred Gibbs.

Paid Annette Gibbs for board,	\$10 00
S. M. Elwell " "	79 20
T. I. Huxford for clothing,	1 15
A. E. Chase " "	8 70
Total expense,	<u>\$101 30</u>

Transient Poor.

Paid Lawrence Cook for feeding and lodging Tramp	\$2 00
F. L. Emmons for keeping Tramps,	2 00

Paid W. F. Emmons for feeding Tramps,	60
J. R. Littlefield " " "	1 25
Total expense,	<u>\$ 5 85</u>
Appropriation,	\$ 500 00
Expended,	393 78
Balance unexpended,	<u>\$ 106 22</u>

Expenditures under direction of the School Board for
Common Schools, Free High School, Repair of School
Houses and Free Text Books.

Common Schools.

Appropriation by Town,	\$ 535 20
Received from the State,	553 39
Unexpended from last year,	4 42
Total amount available,	<u>\$ 1093 01</u>

Wages of Teachers.

Paid Earl D. Bessey,	\$ 128 00
Grace E. Dow,	60 00
Mabel Rose,	70 00
Edna L. Elwell,	60 00
Inez Payson,	60 00
Marion Reynolds,	48 00
Mabel Rose,	70 00
Inez Payson,	60 00
Edna L. Elwell,	22 00
Marion Reynolds,	60 00
Mabel Rose,	70 00
L. L. Woods,	39 50
Total amount paid Teachers,	<u>\$ 747 50</u>

Transportation of Scholars.

Paid Clifton Chase,.....	\$ 19 25
Mrs. Decrow,	75 00
H. L. Elwell,.....	15 00
O. S. Elwell,.....	12 00
Total amount expended,.....	<u>\$121 25</u>

Fuel.

Paid M. M. Leonard for wood,.....	\$ 4 50
C. H Forbes,	14 80
Albion Reynolds,.....	3 00
I. G. Reynolds,.....	15 00
J. C. Rose,.....	4 00
T. I. Huxford,	30 00
W. O. Estes,	6 90
Total amount expended,.....	<u>\$ 78 20</u>
Total amount available,	\$ 1093 01
Total amount expended,.....	946 95
Balance unexpended,.....	\$ 146 06

Repair of Schoolhouses.

Paid Lawrence A. West,.....	\$ 1 25
Irene Forbes,.....	2 00
J. C. Forbes,	1 00
W. F. Emmons,.....	3 65
C. H. Forbes,	4 00
W. H. Swift,	2 00
M. C. R. R. Co.,	50
John W. Jones,	60
C. B. Hall,	35
E. C. Holbrook,.....	50
W. S. Jones,.....	15 58

A. E. Chase,	8 01
T. I. Huxford,	4 68
Total amount expended,	<u>\$ 44 17</u>
Appropriation,	\$ 50 00
Expended,	44 17
Balance unexpended,	\$ 5 83

Free High School.

Appropriation by Town,	\$ 125 00
Received from the State,	62 50
Due " " " 	<u>62 50</u>
Total amount available,	\$ 250 00
Paid L. L. Woods for teaching,	\$ 250 00

Free Text Books.

Paid American Book Co.,	\$ 42 28
Ginn & Co.,	56 20
D. R. Knowlton,	1 50
Express on books,	<u>1 80</u>
Amount expended,	\$ 101 78
Appropriation,	100 00
Overdrawn,	\$ 1 78

Contingent Expenses.

Pay of Town Officers.

J. H. Gordon Moderator two meetings,	\$ 2 00
O. W. Lane Town Clerk,	8 00
E. C. Holbrook Superintendent of Schools, services and expenses,	<u>50 00</u>

J. R. Littlefield Selectman, services and expenses	55 60
W. E. Barker " " " "	35 00
B. F. Wentworth " " " "	41 27
A. R. Pilley Treasurer, " " "	25 00
W. C. Rowe Sexton, "	14 00
J. E. Ellis Ballot Clerk, "	4 00
F. K. Roberts Ballot Clerk and repairs on voting booth,	5 00

Miscellaneous.

Paid O. W. Lane, recording births, deaths, marriages,	
postage and office fixtures,	\$ 8 80
J. R. Littlefield, use of team,	4 00
B. F. Wentworth, use of team,	3 50
H. M. Brown, printing Town Reports, Letter	
Heads, Envelopes and Notices,	22 35
M. S. Stiles, surveying new street,	2 00
L. C. Cilley, enforcing dog law,	2 00
L. C. Cilley, posting warrants,	3 00
N. R. Cook M. D. reporting births and deaths,	5 25
A. R. Pilley, for stationery,	1 47
A. E. Kilgore M. D. reporting births and deaths,	3 50
A. B. Payson, posting warrants,	4 00
E. S. Stevens, for labor in Cemeteries,	2 00
S. M. Elwell, " " "	3 00
W. F. Emmons " " "	1 00
S. Hall, " " "	2 50
J. R. Littlefield, " " "	3 50
Total amount expended,	\$ 307 24
Appropriation,	300 00
Overdrawn,	\$ 7 24

Collection of Taxes.

Paid L. C. Cilley Collector in part,	\$ 60 00
Due L. C. Cilley " 	55 00
Total,	<u>\$ 115 00</u>
Amount appropriated,	\$ 115 00

Abatelements.

William Briggs for 1903,	\$ 3 49
W. B. Ingersoll, " 	3 00
George W. Miller, " 	3 00
Elden Sparrow, " 	3 49
W. S. Jones, error in valuation in 1904,	11 16
Total,	<u>\$ 24 14</u>

Interest.

Paid interest on Town Bonds,	\$ 636 00
interest on Interest Bearing Town Orders,	113 34
Total paid,	<u>\$ 749 34</u>
Appropriation,	\$ 750 00
Unexpended,	66

Observance of Memorial Day.

Appropriation,	\$ 30 00
Paid George G. Davis Post,	\$ 30 00

Burial of Soldier.

Paid burial expenses of Wm. H. Roberts,	\$ 32 00
Received from the State for same,	\$ 32 00

Bills of previous Years.

Paid C. L. Austin for damage to sleigh in 1903, . .	\$ 5 00
F. W. Brown Jr. costs in action, Abbie A.	
Roberts vs Inhabitants of Brooks for 1903, . . .	10 00
R. F. Dunton for legal services in above action,	6 00
A. B. Payson Collector for 1903,	75 00
J. A. Bowden labor on the highway in 1903,	1 50
F. H. Quimby, for same,	7 50
F. W. Gibbs, " "	7 50
James Grover, " "	7 50
C. E. Lane, " "	12 00
A. O. Payson, " "	8 25
E. E. Patch, " "	90
C. H. Forbes, " "	2 00
W. H. Work, " "	75
C. H. Dickey, " "	1 00
Horace Gerald, " "	66
E. L. Prime, " "	5 25
H. J. Cram, " "	2 20
H. L. Elwell, " "	3 15
Henry Reynolds " "	6 40
J. E. Knowlton, "	7 33
Samuel Reynolds, "	5 00
Total amount paid,	<hr/> \$ 174 89

Snow Rollers.

Appropriation,	\$ 300 00
Paid E. M. Daggett for two Rollers, . . .	259 00
Unexpended,	<hr/> 41 00

Outstanding interest bearing Orders.

[Interest at 3 1-2 per cent.]

Ethelyn Grover,	\$ 160 00
Fannie A. Twombly,	510 00
H. W. Littlefield,	1477 50
Llewellyn Stimpson,	526 00
P. B. Clifford,	100 00
Susanna M. Holbrook,	400 00
Total,	<u>\$ 3173 50</u>

Recapitulation.

Receipts.

From Tax Levy of 1904,	\$ 5229 46
Unexpended School money,	4 42
School fund and mill tax,	553 39
State for Free High School,	125 00
" for State Road,	100 00
" for dog license rebate,	38 55
for burial of Soldier,	32 00
Lot in new Cemetary,	20 00
Refund on freight,	25
Tuition to High School,	2 00
Town of Thorndike,	3 80
Henry Reynolds for overpayment on the road,	16 54
Due from Samuel Reynolds for overpayment for labor on the road,	18 25
Due from E. R. Knowlton for overpayment for labor on the road,	6 00
Due from State for damage to sheep by dogs,	134 00
Total amount received,	<u>\$ 6283 66</u>

Expenditures.

Paid State Tax,	\$ 702 00
County Tax,	264 72
For support of Common Schools,	946 95
Due " " " " "	146 06
Paid " " " High Schools,	250 00
For repair of School Houses,	44 17
For free Text Books,	101 78
For support of the Poor,	393 78
For Contingent expenses,	307 24
For Labor on the highway,	925 37
For Labor and material on bridges,	199 11
For collecting Taxes,	60 00
Due " " " " "	55 00
Paid on account of Memorial Day,	30 00
For State Road and Bridge,	241 80
Interest on Town debt,	749 34
For burying Soldier,	32 00
For abatements,	24 14
For two Snow Rollers,	259 00
Henry Reynolds overpayment on road work,	16 54
Samuel Reynolds overpayment on road work,	18 25
E. R. Knowlton overpayment on road work,	6 00
For damage to Sheep by Dogs,	134 00
Total expenditures,	\$ 5907 25
Total receipts,	\$ 6283 66
Total expenditures,	5907 25
Balance unexpended,	\$ 376 41

Standing of the Town.

Liabilities.

Due on Town Bonds,	\$ 15900 00
On intering bearest Town Orders,	3173 50
The Common School Fund,	146 06
Outstanding Orders,	309 04
Collector for 1903,	50 00
Collector for 1904,	55 00
Total,	\$ 19 633 60

Resources.

200 Shares B. & M. H. L. R. R. Stock,	\$ 15000 00
Due on tax of 1903,	281 42
Due on tax of 1904,	1 978 88
Due from the State for damage to Sheep,	134 00
Due " " " " dog license rebate,	30 00
Due " " " " high schools,	62 50
Due on Collectors deed,	32 72
Amount in Sinking Fund,	1 913 58
Cash in the Treasury,	1 090 40
Due from Town of Thorndike,	10 00
Due " " " Stockton Springs,	10 73
Due from Samuel Reynolds,	18 25
Due " E. R. Knowlton,	6 00
Total,	\$ 20 568 48
Total amount of Liabilities,	19 633 60
Resources exceed Liabilities by,	\$ 934 88

Respectfully Yours,

J. R. Littlefield	}	Selectmen
W. E. Barker		of
B. F. Wentworth		Brooks.

Received of State Treasurer for Free

	High School,	62 50
" " " " "	State Road,	100 00
June R. R. Dividend,.....		280 00
Dec. R. R. "		288 00
of James Work for lot in Cemetary,.....		20 00
O. W. Lane, for dog licenses,		67 00
W. E Barker, refund on freight,.....		25
N. A. Cilley, for tuition,.....		2 00
Town of Thorndike,.....		3 80
Henry Reynolds,		16 54
Total,.....		<u>\$ 7 878 64</u>

Cr.

By paid town orders,....	\$ 4 113 18
Interest on interest bearing orders,..	113 34
Interest on town bonds'	636 00
Trustees of sinking fund,	708 00
State Treasurer, dog licenses,	67 00
State tax,	702 00
County tax,	264 72
Bounty on Porcupines,	4 00
State Pensions,	180 00
Cash in Treasury Feb. 18th 1905, ..	<u>\$ 1090 40</u>
Total amount.	<u>\$ 7878 64</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

A. R. Pilley, Treasurer of Brooks.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

The important event of the School year was the vote of the town Aug. 11th., to establish a High School having four years courses, and intended to rank with the Standard Secondary Schools of the State. In organizing the School, the School board have kept but one Standard in mind, the best.

The immediate objects of the High School are to provide means right at home for our Students to procure an academic education, and to relieve the town of the expense of paying tuition for our Students in other Secondary Schools under the law of 1903. But these cannot be fully attained without modern appliances and a high standard of scholarship. We want a Standard School whose diploma will mean something. By vote of the town, the School Board rented quarters for the School in Union Hall, which are very well adapted to the purpose. The building has running water, closets and all modern conveniences and there are no unsanitary surroundings. The School room is large, airy and well lighted. The desks, blackboards and other furniture are the best that can be bought,

COURSES OF STUDY.

Two courses of study are offered in the High School, the Classical and the English. The Classical preparing the Student for the old line, or Literary College, and the English preparing for the modern or technical school.

Either of these courses furnishes a good practical education, if the student goes no farther. These courses are all that are needed. All the courses offered in preparatory schools are readily reducible to these two, which together with a Commercial course is the classification adopted by

Thornton Academy of Saco, one of the best in the State.

The studies pursued by scholars in the Grammar grade, who occupy seats in the High School, are intended to be a thorough drill in reading, arithmetic, grammar and geography, with penmanship. The Primary School teaches the subjects usually taught in schools of that grade, and should include some elementary instruction in drawing.

The Schools at West Brooks and South Brooks must necessarily instruct in both primary and grammar school subjects. This gives, perhaps, as perfect a system of grading as practicable in a town of this size, and should give very good results in practice.

TEXT BOOKS.

The necessity of providing almost entirely new text books in the High School, has made it difficult to meet the demand for new books and keep within the appropriation. The alarming deficiency of our scholars in the important subject of English Grammar, called our attention to the fact, that while there were a few books of each of several different kinds of "Lessons in" and "Introductions to" English, there was no standard text book in Grammar in general use in our schools.

The Board adopted Maxwell's English Grammar for all new purposes, which it is intended to supplement later with Maxwell's and Johnson's English Composition.

Besides these, there were adopted during the year, Blaisdell's Physiology, Avery's Physics, Gray's Botany with New England Flora and Egglestons' Twentieth Century History of the United States. These text books are believed to be equal to any in use.

We believe that the system of Schools outlined above can be run successfully without becoming a serious burden upon the tax payers. The appropriation for Free High School should be moderately increased, as every dollar thus appropriated means another from the State. But outside of that, the ordinary expenses of the system during the year coming can, we think be paid with our usual appropriation of "what the law requires".

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the fact that in all measures to increase the efficiency of our Schools, during the past year, I have had the earnest cooperation of the School Board, and of many public spirited citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Holbrook, Superintendent of Schools.

Tabulated School Report.

School	Term	Teacher	Length of Term	No. Registered	Average Attendance	Weekly Wages
High School	Fall	L. L. Woods	11 weeks	24	21	\$12.50
High School	Winter	L. L. Woods	11 weeks	37	34	12.50
Vil. Grammar	Spring	E. D. Bessey	10 weeks	36	27	12.50
Vil. Primary	"	Mabel Ro	10 weeks	38	32	7.00
"	Fall	Mabel Rose	10 weeks	40	35	7.00
"	Winter	Mabel Rose	10 weeks	34	29	7.00
So. Brooks	Spring	Edna F. Well	10 weeks	18	13	6.00
"	Fall	Marion Reynolds	8 weeks	14	11	6.00
"	Winter	Marion Reynolds	10 weeks	12	8	6.00
West Brooks	Spring	Grace E. Dow	10 weeks	14	11	6.00
"	Fall	Inez Payson	10 weeks	26	21	6.00
"	Winter	Inez Payson	10 weeks	19	14	6.00